

Worcester Consolidated Street Railway  
Administration Building (Car Barn)  
99-109 Main Street  
Worcester  
Worcester County  
Massachusetts

HABS No. MA-1106

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PHOTOGRAPHS

HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey  
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

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STATE MASSACHUSETTS	COUNTY WORCESTER	TOWN OR VICINITY WORCESTER
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) WORCESTER CONSOLIDATED STREET RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING		HABS NO. MA-1106
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Car Barn		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 99-109 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1903	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Frost, Briggs, and Chamberlain	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Originally designed as a car barn, this structure contributed to the growth and development of Worcester. The buildings intricate corbeling and arcading, in addition to the distinctiveness in size and color of the bricks themselves, combine to present an attractive example of utilitarian design.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Steel frame with brick walls and stone ornamentation.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 64' (East side) X 114' (South side) X 90' (West side) X 53' feet (height). 3 stories tall.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The facade is made of brick with sandstone ornamentation. The first floor includes a broad segmental arch which is flanked by lower stone openings. These openings were each flanked by decorative bronze griffins holding torch lanterns. Above each of these openings is a circular window with intricate brick work. An arcade of round arched (See Attached Sheet)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Ornate grillwork adorns the elevator door, and a riveted truss system supports the roof. (see photos)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The central entrance was infilled with limestone, ca. 1950.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good condition, to be demolished.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The documentation for this structure was compiled by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in compliance with Executive Order 11593 and a Memorandum of Agreement with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places Inventory-Nomination Form, Determination of Eligibility: "Worcester Telegram". 2/22/03, p. 10; 8/30/03, p. 16; 12/14/30, p. 8		
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EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued)

windows, supported by Tuscan columns make up the third floor. The roof line is marked by corbeling reflective of the brick ornamentation of the segmental arch and below the third floor windows.